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Historical Collections

**Guide to Collection**

**Isler, Rudolph Henery**

**Rudy Isler Photograph Collection, bulk 1950**

**PCA 590**

1 folder

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**ACCESS:** The collection is unrestricted.

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**PROCESSING:** The papers and images have been placed in mylar and described at the item level, then stored in an archival quality box. Negatives separated and frozen. A recording of Theodore Merrell describing relevant information is in digital storage, (HCDC AV2: ASL-PCA-MS Audio) please ask library staff for assistance.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Rudolph Henery Isler was born December 3, 1908, in Great Falls, Montana, to Elmo Henery and Emily Isler. He moved to Juneau in 1939 where he lived for 60 years. Rudy worked at the A.J. Mine and as a logger. He spent most of his life working as a commercial fisherman, fishing throughout Southeast Alaska and the Yakutat area. Mr. Isler died November 4, 1998, at his home in Juneau, at the age of 89.

[*From Juneau Empire; Monday, February 8, 1999*]

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Late 1940s-1961, bulk 1950. Fanny [Fannie] Island, Juneau, Yakutat areas. Alaska landscapes, unidentified persons, boats and harbors, labor equipment, hunting, salmon fishing.

## INVENTORY

### Papers and b&w photographs

1. "Largest Lumber Raft Towed to Sitka." Newspaper clipping, no date.
2. Alaska Tide Tables, 1955, with some handwritten notes.
3. Pacific Northern Airlines ticket Yakutat to Juneau, Oct. 15, 1961.
4. Juneau, Alaska. 1412. T. Davis. [Postcard]
5. Certificate of Award of Number to an Undocumented Vessel. Owner Delbert F. Brown. Sale of boat to Rudy Isler & Gary Coy on Oct. 9, 1960.
6. Confirmation: Springfield Rifle Purchase Request...National Rifle Association.
7. [1 Half Track Vehicle transfer agreement, 1958 & 1960]
8. [Harbor] *b&w photo*
9. [Row of trailers] *b&w photo*
10. [Trailer] *b&w photo*
11. [Helicopter] *b&w photo*
12. [Continuous track tractor] *b&w photo*
13. [Continuous track tractor] *b&w photo*
14. [Continuous track tractor] *b&w photo*
15. [Mountains and glacier from the water] *b&w photo*
16. [Two men on boat at dock] *b&w photo*
17. National Rifle Association Member's Identification
18. West Construction Co. Seattle, Washington, Piledriverman identification card and United States Coast Guard Seattle, Washington, identification card, 1942.
19. [Receipt] \$25.00, 1949
20. "Anvik" Alaska Husky, 298 [Postcard, 2 copies]

21. An Alaska Coastal Amphibian [Postcard]
22. [Auke Lake and Mendenhall Glacier; postcard, 4 copies]

## INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES

Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

Approximately 216 negatives total - (Negatives on strips counted individually)

Information on 10 envelopes that negatives were originally placed in do not necessarily match the subjects of the negatives.

**2 Boxes** - 10 sections of negatives (*Negatives have not been scanned as of April 11, 2016*)

### Box 1 - Sections 1-6

- Section 1: House- #153, dog-dachshund, Shrine of St. Therese, road-Forest Service sign (23 negs)
- Section 2: Trailers, tractor-Holt, boat-*Aegir* (4 negs)
- Section 3: Dogs, man, cabin, woman (7 negs)
- Section 4: Boat-*American Eagle*, Half-track truck, birthday cake-Jim/Rudy, people, fish, Native art, airplane, helicopter, cat, tractor, motorcycle, Federal Building (58 negs)
- Section 5: Man with framed art, dam, dog, house, car (15 negs)
- Section 6: People-groups/individuals, skiff, trailers, boat (23 negs)

### Box 2 - Sections 7-10

- Section 7: People-dog outdoors, Juneau, house, truck-J.R. Hope, boat-*Noah Ark*, Juneau-Front St., mine building, shooting range (44 negs)
- Section 8: Individuals/groups/children, car, house, Hope Apt/Hotel, track (flume), Salmon Creek dam, mine building, man with gun (26 negs)
- Section 9: Dog, cabin (10 negs)
- Section 10: Man & dog, cabin (6 negs)